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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s)      Girton, Timothy S.      Examiner:      Miller, Cheryl L.  
Application No.:    09/704,494      Group Art Unit:    3738  
Confirmation No.:   4895      Docket:      760-35  
Filed:      November 2, 2000      Dated:      January 8, 2003  
For:      STENT COVERING FORMED OF  
            POROUS  
            POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002 reconsideration is respectfully requested. As the Office Action is being submitted prior to the due date of January 10, 2003, no fee is deemed necessary.

Please amend the application as follows.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

12. (Amended) A method for producing a porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube useful in medical devices comprising the steps of:

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